

In the Name of God Amen
I Peter Bruce Desd. of the County of Halifax and Province
North Carolina being at this time weak of Body but of sound
Mind and memory thanks to almighty God do this fourth
day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty
make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in
manner and form following; Item; I bequeath to my said beloved Wife Mary
Bruce the Use of all my Personal Estate of what kind soever
and to pay my Debts and Receive what is due to me
and after the death of the said Mary Bruce the said Estate
so left (which the said Mary Bruce shall not waste under
the penalty of forfeiting it the said Estate to the Trustees here after
mentioned) and I by this my Last Will do devise the said Estate after
the death of the said Mary to be Equally divided amongst my five
Children Vizt Peter Bruce, Anne Fountain, Elizabeth Crato, John
Bruce, Sarah Braswell, Alice Hull, Item; I devise the said
Estate to be divided amongst the said Inheritors at the dis-
cretion of Peter Bruce and John Baptis Robert Fountain. Item;
I do hereby Appoint the aforesaid Peter Bruce and John Fountain
Trustees to this my Last Will and Testament. Item; I do
hereby Appoint Peter Bruce and Mary my Wife Executors of
this my Last Will and Testament; Signed Sealed & Acknowledged
by the aforesaid Peter Bruce as his Last Will and Testament

Peter Bruce (Seal)
In presence of Daniel Shurkin, Manuel Gordon, William
Bruce; Halifax N.S. March Inferior Court 1762
This Will was exhibited in open Court on oath by the Exr
and duly proved by the oath of Daniel Shurkin one
of the Subscribing Witnesses (to whom his oath
did say he saw Manuel Gordon and William Bruce
sign the said Will as witnesses - whereupon Peter Bruce the
Exr; in the said Will named was duly Qualified by
taking the Oath by Law directed, Ordered the said
Will be Recorded Test. J. Mountfort C.

In the Name of God Amen I James Smith of
Halifax County in the Province of North Carolina being of
sound and perfect Memory thanks be abundantly to God do this 3rd
day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and sixty two make and publish this my last Will and Testament; In
witness whereof I Recommend my soul to Almighty God in hopes of a Remis-
sion of my sins that the merits and sufferings of our Blessed Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ, and as to such worldly Estate as it hath
pleased God to entrust me with I give and Bequeath in man-
ner and form following to wit, I leave to my Loving Wife
Francis Smith during her life or Widowhood the land now here
on two Negroes Caesar and Phis, two White Mares, to wit, Bonny
and Jenny, half the Black Cattle, Hogs and Sheep I am Possessed
of two featherbeds & furniture, one Brandy Still, Worm & Lub,
two Iron Pots, one Brass Kettle, one half the Stock the new
gun, one large Pine Chest, six chairs, two axes four hoes, six
knives & forks, one spinning wheel, one Butter Pot, one Case of
Bottles, one Barrel of one drawing knife one side saddle and
Bridle one Plough & Plough-hoe & all the gase Turkeys & Poultry
on the Plantation where I now live. Item, I give to my said
Wife Francis one Negro girl called Aggy, one Black Walnut Table
all the spinning wheels & Cards or Carters wheels & her assigns,
for ever, Item, I give and Bequeath unto James Smith son of
John Smith the land I now live on & one Brass Kettle after the death
or Marriage of my said Wife, to him & his assigns for ever
Item, I give and Bequeath unto the said John Smith's son
James Smith one Negro woman called Rachel, one gun with
a Lumpst Muzzle and the Bed whereon I lie with a little
Buggy to him his heirs and assigns. Item I give and Bequeath
unto James Smith son of Jeremiah Smith one featherbed and
furniture, one bald face horse with a saddle and Bridle to him
and his assigns for ever, Item I give unto the s^r James Smith
the new gun and Brandy Still Worm and Lub after the death
or Marriage of my said Wife one Smith Pot and the new gun

mer and from following to wit, I then I lend to my Sonny Wife
Francis. Smith during her life a Widowhood the land now here
on two Negroes Cecar and ~~his~~, two White Mares, to wit, Bonny
and Jenny, half the Black Cattle, Hogs and Sheep I am Possessed
of, ten featherbeds & furniture, one Brandy Still, Worm & Lub,
two Iron Potts, one Brass Kettle, one half the value the new
gun, one large Pine Chest, six chairs, two axes four hoes, six
knives & forks, one frying pan, one Butter Pot one Case of
Butter, one Barrel of one drawing of one side saddle and
Bridle one Plough & Plough-hoe & all the game Turkeys & Poultry
on the Plantation where I now live. Then, I give to my said
Wife Francis one Negro girl called Aggy, one Black Walnut Tote
all the spinning Wheels & Cards, or Cart & all the wheels & her assigns,
for ever, Then, I give and Bequeath unto James Smith Son of
John Smith the land I now live on & the Brass Kettle after the death
or Marriage of my said Wife, to him & his heirs & assigns for ever
Then, I give and Bequeath unto the said John Smith's Son
James Smith one Negro woman called Rachel, one Gun with
a Lampet Muzzle, and the Bed whereon I lie with a Silk
Rug to him his heirs and assigns. Then I give and Bequeath
unto James Smith's Son of Jeremiah Smith one Featherbed and
Furniture, one bald face Horse with a saddle and Bridle to him
and his assigns for ever, Then I give unto the s^r James Smith
the new Gun and Brandy Still Worm and Lub after the death
or Marriage of my said Wife & one fourth part of the Park
Then, I give to my said Wife of James Smith one
Negro Girl called Ann. Then, I give to James Killingsworth
son of William Killingsworth a Negro Girl called Pats, after the
death or Marriage of my said Wife. Then, I give and Bequeath
unto Sarah Sparr, Wife of John Sparr one Negro Man named
Ben, to her & her heirs & assigns for ever Then, I give unto
Rebecca Brandy Plough &c of my said Wife after her death or
Marriage one Featherbed & Furniture, Then, I give and Bequeath